

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1956 creates the Fourth Ward Management District as a political subdivision of the State of Texas to administer and provide funding for community improvement projects and services in certain commercial areas. The district will be a municipal district similar to those operating pursuant to Chapters 375 and 376, Local Government Code.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

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SECTION 33. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.